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SUMMARY: ZHIVKOV FOUR DAY VISIT ENDED DEC. 25 WITH  
SIGNING OF AGREEMENTS ON TRADE AND CULTURAL FIELDS.  
JOINT COMMUNIQUE, ZHIVKOV SPEECH REFLECT DISAGREEMENT ON  
GENEVA MEPC. COMMENT: TRIP AT INVITATION OF QADHAFI;  
ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO ENHANCE LIBYA'S INTERNATIONAL  
IMAGE. END SUMMARY

1. BULGARIAN PRESIDENT TODOR ZHIVKOV DEPARTED TRIPOLI  
DEC. 25 AFTER A FOUR DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE LIBYAN  
ARAB REPUBLIC. JOINT LIBYAN BULGARIAN COMMUNIQUE ISSUED  
UPON DEPARTURE OF ZHIVKOV EXCHANGED TRADITIONAL DIPLOMA-  
TIC PLEASANTRIES REFLECTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN  
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. COMMUNIQUE INDICATED BOTH SIDES  
SIGNED STATEMENT ON FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, TRADE  
AGREEMENT, RADIO AND TELEVISION COOPERATION AGREE-  
MENT, A TWO YEAR COOPERATION PROGRAM BETWEEN LIBYAN  
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ARAB SOCIALIST UNION AND BCP, AND A TWO YEAR CULTURAL AND  
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT. COMMUNIQUE DENOUNCED  
"ZIONIST-ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST ARAB NATION"  
AND STRESSED ITS "GRAVE DANGER TO WORLD PEACE AND  
SECURITY." COMMUNIQUE SUPPORTED PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT,  
PRAISED STRUGGLE OF PEOPLE OF ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE,

BUINEA-BISSAU, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, AND REAFFIRMED  
LIBYAN AND BULGARIAN SUPPORT OF AFRICAN LIBERATION  
MOVEMENTS.

2. PRESS REPORTS BULGARIAN DELEGATION CONSISTED OF  
PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV; GRIGOR STOICHKOV, BCP CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE MEMBER AND MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION,  
ARCHITECTURE; STAMEN STAMENOV, FIRST SECRETARY OF  
BCP AND DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENT'S OFFICE; DMITRI STANISHEN,  
FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS HEAD;  
MARIG IVANOV, FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER; STOYEN  
KARASLAVOV, AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA; DR. ATAVAS MALEEV,  
FIRST DEPUTY OF HEALTH MINISTRY; SPAS GEORGIEV, DEPUTY  
FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER; AND YORAN KOROV, HEAD OF FM  
ARAB AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

3. DURING STATE DINNER DEC. 24 PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV  
GAVE TOAST REITERATING BULGARIAN "FIRM SUPPORT OF  
LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE OF ARAB PEOPLE FOR FINAL AND JUST  
SETTLEMENT OF ME CRISIS." ZHIVKOV INDICATED BULGARIA  
WOULD CONTINUE TO LEND "MORAL" SUPPORT TO PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE,  
NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. PRESIDENT CLAIMED ME SOLUTION  
AND PROCESS OF DETENTE WERE "ENCOUNTERING STUBBORN RESIS-  
TANCE FROM IMPERIALISM AND REACTION." HE THEN DENOUNCED  
"ISRAELI AGGRESSION" AND DESCRIBED ISRAEL AS "TOOL  
OF INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM IN AREA."

COMMENT: ABSENCE IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF BULGARIAN  
SUPPORT FOR GENEVA MEPC, AS STATED IN ZHIVKOV DINNER  
SPEECH, IS CONSPICUOUS REFLECTION OF LIBYAN OPPOSITION  
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TO PEACEFUL ME SETTLEMENT. ZHIVKOV VISIT AT THE INVITA-  
TION OF QADHAFI IS YET ANOTHER OF QADHAFI'S PLAYS IN  
SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO GAIN GREATER INTERNATIONAL  
STATURE FOR LIBYA. SIGNED AGREEMENTS HARDLY WARRANTED  
STATE VISIT, BUT MAY HAVE INDICATED TO QADHAFI HOW  
FEW ARE WORLD LEADERS WHO SHARE HIS VIEWS. AGREEMENT FOR  
COOPERATION BETWEEN LIBYAN POLITICAL GROUP AND BCP IS NEW  
AND INTERESTING DEPARTURE WHICH WILL BEAR WATCHING.  
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